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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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9 ASHWIN KHOBRAGADE,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 COVIDIEN LP,

13 Defendant.  
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Case No.: 16-cv-0468-WQH-AGS

**ORDER RESETTING THE  
MANDATORY SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

15 Due to Judge Schopler's temporary unavailability, the May 21, 2018 Mandatory  
16 Settlement Conference is vacated and rescheduled for **July 17, 2018**, at **9:00 a.m.** Any  
17 party who has not yet submitted a confidential settlement statement may do so by  
18 **July 10, 2018.**

19 The Court further notes that it received another ex parte communication from  
20 Plaintiff Ashwin Khobragade in the form of an email dated May 15, 2018. The Court has  
21 not reviewed the contents of the email because ex parte communications are strictly  
22 prohibited. See S.D. Cal. Civ. R. 83.9 ("Parties to an action must refrain from . . .  
23 otherwise communicating with the judges unless opposing counsel is present.").

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 Dated: May 17, 2018

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27 Hon. Ruben B. Brooks  
28 United States Magistrate Judge